

(SRI KADIDAL MANJAPPA.)

I think the amendments I have proposed will meet the important objections raised by the Hon'ble Members. If the Speaker permits me, because I have not tabled amendments in time, I suppose, I will move the amendments after the Consideration Motion is passed. The amendments are agreed to by most of the Members whom I have had occasion to consult unofficially.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Sir, we are taken by surprise so far as these amendments are concerned. We have had no time to study them.

Sri K. PATTABHIRAMAN (Kolar).—The amendments are not before us yet.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The question is:

“That the Mysore (Personal and Miscellaneous) Inams Abolition Bill, 1954, as reported by the Joint Select Committee be taken into consideration.”

The motion was adopted.

Business of the House.

Mr. SPEAKER.—What shall we do regarding amendments? Shall we take them up today or tomorrow?

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—We may take them up tomorrow, Sir.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—The Opposition Members were also consulted three days back. They knew that these amendments were going to be made. Why not we take them up today and be done with it, Sir?

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—I have no objection.

Sri K. PATTABHIRAMAN.—Mr. Speaker, I would like to make one submission with regard to the point at issue, Sir. Now, the motion for consideration of the Select Committee Report has been passed and we are guided by the rules. You have been given here, in the Rules the kind of motions that be could made after the Select Committee Report is presented to the House. New amendments are not contemplated there. But

I do not certainly stand in the way of the Speaker exercising discretion or this House giving leave. But I should like to say that this should not be quoted as precedent hereafter. As it is a question of procedure, I leave it to you, Sir.

Mr. SPEAKER.—We will take up these amendments tomorrow. There are some minor bills; they may be taken up now.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Even in respect of these Bills, we do now know when they are going to be taken into consideration. Amendments will have to be sent. Unless we know definitely, when these Money Bills are going to be taken up, we cannot send amendments in time.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Not the Money Bills. I did not refer to that. There are some minor Bills like the City Improvement Trust (Amendment) Bill and others. I suggested that they might be taken up.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—I want to know the definite date on which these Money Bills are going to be taken up and when we can send up amendments. Otherwise, it will be difficult.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Regarding the Bills which were introduced this morning, amendments will be received till 3 P.M. tomorrow.

Sri K. PATTABHIRAMAN.—I have a submission to make in respect of Money Bills, Sir. If they are going to be taken up now, I have a suggestion to make.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I have given time till 3 P.M. tomorrow for amendments.

Sri K. PATTABHIRAMAN.—Before you do that way, I want to make one submission. We have got rules 130, 131 and other Rules of Business. Of course, I may particularly refer to Rule 131. A Finance Bill means a Bill ordinarily introduced in each year to give effect to the financial proposals of the Government for the following financial year and includes a Bill to give effect to the supplementary financial proposals for any period. And these are covered by 131 (1). Then we go to 131(2) which says:

“131(2): At any time after the introduction in the Assembly of a

Finance Bill, the Speaker may allot a day or days, jointly or severally, for the completion of all or any of the stages involved in the passage of the Bill by the Assembly and when such allotment has been made," etc.

Therefore, before you exercise the discretion which has been given to you under 131(2), I want certain conventions and conveniences to be considered by you, Sir. We have just now seen the Budget that has been presented to us only on Saturday last. Discussion has yet to take place from the tenth onwards. Then Demands and Voting of Grants will come. The object of putting the Finance Bill Rule 131 after 129 and 130 is in order that the discussion that we generally have on the presentation of the Budget should not be illusory but must be substantial. According to the arrangement proposed, we will be anticipating the Budget discussion on these Finance Bills. Of course, I perfectly grant that the Chair should have the right to take up the Bill at any time after the introduction. But what is the convention and what is the principle involved in applying 131. Surely, such financial proposals must only come after there has been a general discussion of the Budget. Otherwise the rights that have been given to us to discuss the Budget for three days or four days, would become most illusory. I do not want to use stronger expression. I would therefore request the Speaker to consider, while exercising discretion under 131(2), that the date must always be fixed after the general discussion of the Budget is over and not before. That should be a very healthy convention. Otherwise, it becomes meaningless.

And if I should make any further submission after hearing either the Government representatives or any other Member of the House, I am prepared to add something to what I have submitted.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM (Jagalur).—Sir, I fully agree with the remarks made by my friend Sri. Pattabhiraman. It is the practice everywhere, not only in India but

even in western countries, that the Finance Bill and Money Bill are always considered after the Budget discussion and even after the voting of Demands. I never expected that Government would want to take up the consideration of the Money Bills so early. The Budget was presented to us only yesterday. We have not yet gone through the Budget. Now they want us to pass all the Money Bills. The Budget discussion commences on the 10th and today is the 8th. Is it possible for us to pass all the Money Bills in one day? Each Bill, I am sure, will take one day or more than one day. They are very important fiscal measures. It is really very annoying to see that the Government want to rush through these Money Bills, which are very important, and which affect the fate of the people in the State. I am in full agreement with my friend that Money Bills should be discussed after the discussion on the Budget takes place. We want to express our views, and there are others who want to express their views. Taking Money Bills first is a procedure which is not at all existing anywhere so far as my knowledge goes. So, it is in consonance with the opinion expressed here and also in consonance with the rules of procedure of this House that the Money Bills must be taken up afterwards.

Where is the time for you to consider all the Money Bills? Tomorrow is the 9th. 10th is the date fixed for Budget discussion. Do you want to pass all the Money Bills in one day, i.e., on the 9th? 10th to 14th are the days fixed for discussion on the Budget. So, what is the date fixed for the consideration of the Money Bills?

A MEMBER.—Later on.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—So, you postpone them to April? After considering the Budget, let us consider all the fiscal measures. Let the month of March be devoted only for the Budget and April for Money Bills. We have only one day tomorrow according to the programme of business. You have not yet finished with the Inams Bill and other Bills. However, we can never take up the Money Bills tomorrow.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Some of the Hon'ble Members desire to send some amendments regarding the Money Bills which were introduced this morning. It is but reasonable that some time must be given to them. So, till 3-00 P.M. tomorrow, amendments will be received in the office. As regards the Bills themselves we will take them up for discussion not tomorrow, but on the 15th and 16th.....

Sri K. PATTABHIRAMAN.—I suppose you are conceding to the desire of the House and creating a convention...

Mr. SPEAKER.—According to the Programme of Business, 15th is set apart for the consideration of the Rules Committee Report. We can take that up after the 31st. On the 16th, non-official business-resolutions is programmed to be taken up. This also may be taken up next month. So, on the 15th and 16th, Money Bills will be taken up for discussion.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—That is something. Non-official Business—does it go to April?

Mr. SPEAKER.—If the Government are anxious to see that some more Bills are passed and some non-official business is carried out, it is absolutely necessary to extend the session.

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—As regards the previous Bill, Sri Pattabhiraman raised a point of order that amendments are not permitted on Inam Abolition Bill.....

Mr. SPEAKER.—You need not raise it.

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—Rule 72 and Rule 73.....

Mr. SPEAKER.—I know. He was anxious about the Money Bills. The other Bills will now be taken up.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Home and Industries).—So far as the Police (Amendment) Bill is concerned, I would request you, Sir, to give some time tomorrow and I am sure it won't take much time. Otherwise, my difficulty is this. If it does not come up tomorrow, it will not be possible for me to place this Bill before the Upper House as it finally emerges from this House.

Mr. SPEAKER.—It is left to you. but what work have we now? There are two small Bills, the City Improvement (Amendment) Bill or some such Bil.....

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Since the Ministers concerned are not present.....

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—They were under the impression that my Bill will take sometime.....

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Anyhow, it is their duty to be here and give their moral support.

Sri R. ANANTARAMAN (Chamarajapet).—The City Improvement (Amendment) Bill will have to be taken up on some other day, Sir.

Mr. SPEAKER.—All right, tomorrow, if there is time. After the amendments to the Inams Abolition Bill are disposed of, those two Bills will be taken up tomorrow, which may not, perhaps, take up much time. The House will now rise for the day and meet tomorrow at 12 NOON.

The House adjourned for the day at Thirty Minutes past Four of the Clock to meet again at Twelve of the Clock on Tuesday, the 9th March 1954.
